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1. REFTEL REQUESTED SELECTION AND DESCRIPTION OF THREE OR
FOUR IMPORTANT CIVIL OR MILITARY MEASURES WHICH THE US
MIGHT INITIATE AT AN EARLY PREPARATORY STAGE IN PERIODS
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OF RISING TENSION OR CRISIS TO FACILITATE THE LATER
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM OR NATO CONTINGENCY
PLANS.

2. ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE ACTIONS COVER THE SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL, MILITARY, CIVIL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED SHOULD BE PRINCIPALLY THOSE WHICH INCREASE THE READINESS OF US FORCES OR THE READINESS OF THE US AS A WHOLE TO RESPOND TO AGGRESSION AGAINST NATO (MOST PROBABLY IN EUROPE) AND WHICH IN ADDITION MAY HAVE SOME DETERRENT EFFECT.

3. IN BROAD TERMS, MILITARY PREPARATORY ACTIONS WOULD FALL INTO THE GENERAL CATEGORIES OF INCREASING THE READINESS OF FORWARD FORCES, INCREASING THE QUANTITY OF FORWARD FORCES, AND IMPROVING THE US DOMESTIC BASE OF OPERATIONS.

4. INCREASING THE READINESS OF FORWARD FORCES COULD INVOLVE BRINGING PERSONNEL STRENGTHS UP TO PLANNED LEVELS AND EXPEDITING THE FLOW OF MATERIEL AGAINST EXISTING SHORTAGES. WHILE THESE ARE AD HOC CONDITIONS REQUIRING PARTICULAR DECISIONS AT THE TIME, THE US IS PREPARED TO BRING CERTAIN US NATO FORCES AND CERTAIN US SUPPORTING UNITS UP TO PLANNED LEVELS BY REASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM THE UNITED STATES AT AN EARLY STAGE AND BY TEMPORARILY EXTENDING TOURS OF DUTY IN EUROPE. SIMILARLY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF MATERIEL AND SUPPLIES TO A LIMITED DEGREE TO REDUCE CRITICAL LOGISTICS SHORTAGES IN ITS NATO DEPLOYED FORCES, USING AVAILABLE AIR TRANSPORT, POSSIBLY INCLUDING CRAF.

5. WITH REGARD TO INCREASING THE QUANTITY OF FORWARD FORCES PRIOR TO MOBILIZATION THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PERMIT THE RETURN OF ITS CRESTED CAP AIR UNITS, ITS REFORGER ARMY UNITS, AND OTHER DUAL-BASE UNITS AT AN EARLY STAGE. DEPLOYMENT TIMES VARY ACCORDING TO THE UNITS; HOWEVER, CRESTED CAP DEPLOYMENT WILL BE LESS THAN TEN DAYS, REFORGER LESS THAN 30 DAYS, AND IN THE ACTUAL EVENT WE WOULD EXPECT CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN TIME. THE OTHER DUAL-BASED UNITS MAINTAIN A CAPABILITY TO REDEPLOY TO EUROPE IN A FEW DAYS. INCREASED DEPLOYMENT
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OF WARSHIPS COULD ALSO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

6. NATO-COMMITTED UNITS IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS OTHER AUGMENTATION FORCES COULD BE PLACED ON INCREASED READINESS AND AVAILABILITY FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT. STRATEGIC MOBILITY RESOURCES MAY ALSO BE PLACED ON INCREASED READINESS.

7. APART FROM THE PREVIOUS MILITARY MEASURES DEALING WITH FORCE SIZE, COMBAT READINESS, AND DEPLOYMENT, AN ADDITIONAL AREA OF MILITARY ACTIVITY WHICH CAN PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN PREPARATION FOR ULTIMATE CONFLICT IS THAT OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE, I.E., TRAINING, EXERCISES,

RECONNAISSANCE, AND SURVEILLANCE. THE US EXPECTS TO INCREASE ITS RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY ON A BROAD BASIS WHEN THERE IS EVIDENCE OF INCREASING WARSAW PACT ACTIVITY. RELEVANT EXERCISES, MANEUVERS, AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON A NO-NOTICE OR ACCELERATED BASIS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

8. INITIAL CIVIL STEPS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCEIVED DEMANDS OF THE SITUATION. THESE COULD INVOLVE DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESPONSE TO NEWS MEDIA QUERIES, THE REVIEW OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND

MOBILIZATION MACHINERY, AND A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ABILITY OF THE CIVIL SECTOR TO RESPOND AND SUPPORT INCREASED MILITARY READINESS. DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS WOULD ALSO BE STEPPED UP.

9. INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY MEASURES TAKEN BY THE US WITHIN NATO WOULD TAKE SEVERAL FORMS. FIRST, ACTION WOULD BE EXPEDITED ON BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON STATUS OF ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES TO BE AFFORDED REINFORCEMENT FORCES BY HOST COUNTRIES. THESE MEASURES ALSO INCLUDE COMPLETION OF ANY PENDING AGREEMENT ON SUPPORT BY HOST COUNTRIES FOR STATIONED FORCES, AS WELL AS ANY TEMPORARILY AGREED MEASURES NECESSARY TO PERMIT INCREASES IN READINESS OR RECEPTION OF MEN AND MATERIEL. SECONDLY, COORDINATION WITH HOST NATIONS WOULD BE INITIATED

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PREPARATORY TO EXECUTION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A WARTIME LOC THROUGH THE UK, BENELUX COUNTRIES, AND THE FRG. FINALLY, A NUMBER OF ACTIONS IN THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (CEP) AREA WOULD BE INITIATED. THESE WOULD INCLUDE CALLING FOR NATO CONSIDERATION TO ACTIVATE CONSULTANTS FOR THE VARIOUS PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND INITIAL ECHELONS OF SEVERAL OF THE NATO CIVIL WARTIME AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN THE SUPPORT OF US BILATERAL ACTIONS. IN THE LATTER CASE THE DEFENSE SHIPPING AUTHORITY (DSA), EUROPEAN SUPPLIES AGENCY (ESA), PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT (PBEIST), AND THE BOARD FOR THE COORDINATION OF CIVIL AVIATION (BOCCA) WOULD PROBABLY BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN CRISIS PERIODS.

10. THE ABOVE DISCUSSION INDICATES THE TYPE OF OPTIONS THE UNITED STATES WOULD TAKE IF NECESSARY TO MATCH AN INCREASE IN THE THREAT BY THE WARSAW PACT. THE US DECISION TO RETURN CRESTED CAP, REFORGER AND OTHER DUAL-BASED UNITS TO EUROPE WHEN THE SITUATION JUSTIFIES, IS FIRM. OTHER UNITS ARE KEPT FULLY ACTIVE AND COULD BE DEPLOYED AS WELL.

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